

Idaho State Historical Society
Historical Library, State Archives and Idaho Oral History Center
Quarterly Report – April-June 2004
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Overview:

Ongoing activities: Organize monthly family history workshops; submit articles to and edit *Mountain Light*; update Idaho Pioneers and Civil War Veterans indexes; process oral history, manuscript and photograph collections; index county-level records for reconstructed 1890 census; organize map collection; supervise volunteers and interns; meet with Lewis and Clark committee and Idaho Chapter of Oregon-California Trails Association; process and describe Carey Act maps and drawings; arrange and index records from Alturas, Elmore, Lewis, Bannock, Oneida, Logan, Canyon, Minidoka, and Nez Perce counties; work with national, state, and local officials on various records management issues; continue coordination of NHPRC/SHRAB grant activities.

Additions to Library's Turbo Tower: Twin Falls County added to Mother's Pension index; Alturas, Idaho, and Shoshone counties added to 1890 index; updated existing indexes for IOHC Names and Places, Idaho Pioneers, and Naturalizations. Submitted to ISHS website: indexes for 1890 "reconstructed" census and Naturalization Records.

Personnel:

Special recognition goes to Steve Barrett and Bonnie Fuller, volunteer and Idaho Genealogical Society president. They worked together to organize an all-day workshop, "German Genealogy," with a researcher who lives in Germany and was visiting the States for a few weeks this summer. Registration totaled 113 and after paying all expenses, the L&A and IGS were able to split the \$1,940.49 profit. IGS also donated \$150.00 to the L&A in memory of several deceased members.

Dylan McDonald completed his work on the Carey Act map collection, funded by the NPS "Save America's Treasures" program. We have one last activity – development of a web "exhibit" – before the grant is completed. Dylan did a great job for us on this project and is now off trying to find a "real" job. Caureen Miller completed her temporary position, paid by a grant from the Idaho Community Foundation, to process the Japanese American Oral History project. She is now awaiting the imminent arrival of her first child. Josh Bernard and Cherry Hunsaker successfully completed their internships. New volunteers include: Barbara Kelly, Teresa O'Donley, Joan Lusk, Helen Foss, Betsy Hall, and Stan Hobson. Volunteer/intern hours donated: 700 hrs.

Gifts and Acquisitions:

- 61 book titles – we're still reaping the benefit of ISL weeding their collection
- 4 yearbooks
- 1,913 cu. ft. of government records (approximately 39 tons)
- 5 manuscript collections (approximately 5 cu. ft.)
- 2 photograph collections
- 10 microfilm rolls (census)

- 7 oral history interviews (approx. 10 hrs)
- 175 periodicals

Other:

New records added to the collections management database: 146 book titles, 7 manuscript collections, 5 photograph collections, 95 maps, 2 compact disks, 95 oral history interviews, 3 moving image items, and 1,238 boxes/volumes of State Archives material. A total of 43 orders for 175 photographic images were processed for a billing of \$2,772.00 (net \$882.00). Billings for 29 requests for permission to use photographic images netted \$615.00. 7 oral history publications and 5 copies of *Sitting Tall* were sold, and sale of duplicate microfilm netted \$860.75.

Programs Presented/Attended:

North Idaho

April 19–23 – records pickup, northern Idaho, Steve W.

June 17-19 – attended Lewis and Clark Symposium, Lewiston – Carolyn

Southwest Idaho

April 16 – attended National Academic High School Decathlon, Boise - Larry

April 24 – 2 presentations for Boise Area Spring Family History Conference – Steve B. (50)

April 27 – oral history presentation for Canyon Co. Historical Society – Troy (25)

April 28 – “Adoption Records” for workshop series - Meri Brennan, Lois Wight (15)

April 30 – led tour of Oregon Trail Historic Reserve, Boise – Larry (20)

May 5 – presentation on Lewis and Clark for Ada Community Library – Larry (15)

May 6 – “The Idaho State Archives: What’s in It for You?” for FARRIT – Steve B. (12)

May 7 – arrival of Owen Wesley Reeves

May 7 – presentation for Law Enforcement Information and Records Management Association, Nampa – Steve W., Duane Bogstie (58)

May 26 – “Colonial Records” for workshop series – Phyllis (25)

June 9 - Sabine Schleichert on German records for workshop series (113)

June 16 – attended state-wide meeting of City Clerks, Boise – Steve W., Linda

June 22 - “Interviewing Family Members” for workshop series – Steve B. (27)

June 29 – “Interviewing Family Members” for workshop series – Phyllis, Troy (27)

Also: 9+ day trips around the Treasure Valley to pick up records and 7 tours of the Archives building for 30 visitors

Southeast Idaho

April 24–30 - records pickup, southeastern Idaho – Steve W.

Out of State

May 6-8 – Pacific Northwest History Conference/Northwest Archivists/Northwest Oral History Association meeting, Olympia, WA – Linda, Carolyn

May 26 – Troy stars on “Super Millionaire”

Calendar of Events:

July 13-18 – COSHRC/NAGARA annual conference, Phoenix – Steve W.
 July 20 – “Federal Census Records” for workshop series
 July 27 - “Federal Census Records” for workshop series
 July 28 – Jason Mendenhall on USGenWeb project for workshop series
 July 30 – quarterly SHRAB meeting, Lapwai
 July 27-31 – records pickup, northern Idaho – Steve W.
 August 10-15 – OCTA annual meeting, Vancouver, WA – Larry
 August 24 – “Federal and Local Land Records” for workshop series
 August 25 – book discussion of “Suicide or Murder: The Strange Death of Governor Meriwether Lewis” for workshop series
 August 31 - “Federal and Local Land Records” for workshop series
 September 21 – “Local Court Records” for workshop series
 September 28 - “Local Court Records” for workshop series
 October 23 – “Probate and Estate Records” for workshop series
 October 30 - “Probate and Estate Records” for workshop series
 November 16 – “Immigration and Naturalization Records” for workshop series
 November 17 - “Researching our Scandinavian-American Ancestry” for workshop series
 November 23 - “Immigration and Naturalization Records” for workshop series
 January 18 – “Repositories Nationwide and Worldwide Web” for workshop series
 January 25 - “Repositories Nationwide and Worldwide Web” for workshop series
 February 15 – “Organizing and Evaluating Your Research Findings” for workshop series
 February 22 - “Organizing and Evaluating Your Research Findings” for workshop series
 March 15 – “Writing Your Family’s History” for workshop series
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Patrons/Visitors:

Staff reports that 1,285 patrons signed in at the front desk and 12 at the Archives (compared to 1,349 for the same quarterly in 2003). 33 libraries requested materials via Inter-Library Loan services and 1,338 general reference and public record requests via letters/telephone calls/e-mails/faxes were answered (compared to 841 for the same quarter in 2003). **Rod reports that the public record requests came from 33 of Idaho’s 44 counties and that 71 different collections (approximately 69,600 pages of material) were accessed to provide the requested information.** Approximately 27 items held downstairs and 82 collections held at the Archives were brought to the reading room for patron use.

Attachments:

“Judge: Idaho’s justice system is strained” in **Idaho Statesman**, 6 July 2004 – Rod asked me to point out that many of these requests are, in turn, coming to us since we hold the pre-1972 inmate records as part of AR 42 – Department of Corrections. His records indicate we’ve had 400 requests over the past 4 years. Because these records often contain confidential information, each must be vetted by staff before they are released.

“Historical archives going to the birds” at www.ktvb.com on 20 April 2004